What is Meanness

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What is Meanness?

There are many words in the dictionary that mean the same as meanness, like rudeness, showing off, being low-minded, or having bad manners. The opposite of "meanness" is being well-mannered, having a noble character, and showing sincere behavior.

A true believer (Mu'min) cannot be mean, because the Prophet Muhammad ﷺ said that a believer is someone who is loved by Allah and has good character. A believer might make a mistake, but he feels bad about it and asks for forgiveness. But a mean person doesn't feel ashamed of what they do and doesn't repent. In fact, they feel weak if they ask for forgiveness.

A mean person feels happy when others are hurt because of them. So, meanness and bad character are actually the same thing. When a mean person breaks a relationship, they don't move on peacefully. Instead, they lie about the other person, make evil plans against them, try to insult them, turn others against them, and try to ruin their reputation, talents, and good qualities. They put all their effort into doing this while hiding their actions from their opponent. This is how a mean person behaves.

A mean person behaves nicely with people in his own circle but treats those outside his circle with jealousy, hatred, and revenge. Such a person is far from Allah and close to the devil. He is considered the worst kind of person among people.

Hadith: خَيْرُ النَّاسِ مَنْ نَّفَعَ النَّاسَ "The best among people is the one who benefits others."

Meanness and Islamic values are complete opposites. A mean person often uses bad language, speaks rudely, goes off the right path, lies, acts hypocritically(Insincerely), misleads others, spreads conflict, criticizes people, and finds faults in others. He praises powerful people, shows off his pride, supports falsehood, hides the truth, and hurts the weak and honorable. He turns

actions that go against humanity, logic, and decency into his daily habit. A mean person uses power, money, influence, government position, intelligence, or speaking ability as tools for revenge.

The people who are usually hurt by such a person are often decent, religious, polite, quiet, and not very social. Because of their good character and faith, the mean person takes unfair advantage of them.

A mean person also lives with the false belief that people don't know about his tricks and secret harmful actions. But in reality, that's not true. With time, everyone comes to know about his meanness. However, people often choose to ignore it and stay silent instead of confronting him.

A mean person does not even respect the holiness of the mosque. When it comes to sectarian differences (especially between Deobandi and Barelvi groups), such mean people often take out their anger inside the mosque, because people of all sects gather there to pray in congregation. Behind these mean people are their leaders, who secretly support them, encourage them from behind, and stay safe while others suffer from the trouble these mean people cause. But the regular worshippers in the mosque do not respond with the same behavior. They do not turn the mosque into a battlefield. Instead, they show patience and self-control. Because of their noble character, they respond to the mean ones with quiet bitterness, trying to avoid arguments. Many of them leave the mosque as quickly as possible, just to escape the toxic and unspiritual environment caused by such people.

A mean person is not foolish; he is somewhat clever. But he uses his cleverness in the wrong ways like trickery, spying, gossiping, provoking others, and using many words to confuse or hurt people. Psychologically, a mean person is a coward. Deep inside, his bad actions and wrong behavior make him weak and fearful. He cannot continue his meanness without support. So, he builds relationships with local religious leaders, politicians, powerful people, and respected elders. This way, he can use them when needed.

To keep their support, he flatters them with false praise and secretly informs on people who oppose these leaders. He makes sure these powerful people feel confident that they have his loyalty in difficult times. To keep this trust fresh, the mean person often praises and serves them, sometimes even carrying their shoes on his head showing complete submission. When the mean person gains this power and backing, it is like a fox gaining the strength of a lion because the lion supports it. When troublemakers get power from such religious-looking people, the mean person goes to the mosque to express anger about sectarian differences.

A mean person's lifestyle and work environment such as markets, factories, trade unions, and tea shops shape his destructive mindset. A mean person who grows up in these places lives a life of carelessness. He does not feel guilty about his bad actions and does not see sins as sins. He drinks alcohol thinking it is a harmless drink and creates trouble thinking it is a solution. So, how can he repent? Because of economic needs, a large part of a person's life is spent in such places and among such people. Only in old age does he turn towards the mosque. At this point, his intention is not true worship. Instead, he wants to show off his worldly tricks by taking part in the mosque's management. Even in old age and weakness, he does not leave his meanness in such a sacred place. Just like a monkey, even when weak, does not stop its performances and making faces.

Once a habit becomes strong, it is hard to leave

The current condition of mosques, the religious knowledge of worshippers, and the state of disagreements among them are so complicated that it would take too much time and paper to explain. In short, Islam is not what it used to be. It has become more like a set of rituals, ceremonies, and traditions and many people just follow these without understanding.

The evil, rebellious (Lawless), and mean nature of a human's inner self (nafs) is worse than the evil of 70 devils. No other devil misled Iblis it was his own evil self that filled him with pride and

jealousy. Later, when Iblis misled Adam, he worked together with Adam's own inner self (nafs). This cycle of inner evil and the devil working together will continue until the Day of Judgment.

Today's believer feels satisfied with himself and thinks his inner self (nafs) is already pure. But the truth is that Islam commands us to purify the inner self, which is why we are told not to trust it. The desires of the inner self take a person away from Allah. That's why it's important to remain cautious and doubtful of the inner self.

If we ask someone today: "Brother, your ancestors entered Islam fully. They fought against their own inner self and also fought the enemies of Islam for its honor. Now tell me what jihad are you doing today?" The answer is usually silence and shame. This is because our inner selves are still impure. Islam is moving towards decline. Spiritual sickness is common, and evil has spread widely. Such an environment creates the perfect space for a mean person to grow and thrive.

In any case, a mean person eventually makes his way into the mosque administration, and as usual, ends up ruining his own afterlife there too. He creates division among worshippers and spreads hatred between them. The ways he does this are different, but all full of evil. He might whisper in someone's ear: "If you want trouble with the police, just stay close to that man" or "Avoid him, he's part of a political group." He might say about someone else, "See that man coming out of the mosque who calls himself a scholar? If you want someone who insults the saints of Islam, become his friend.", or about another person, "That man walking toward us spent his youth in wine houses. Now that he's old, he suddenly wants to wash away his sins in the mosque."

In any case, backbiting about everyone, separating one person from another, and breaking all bonds for the sake of protecting his own sect, this becomes the habit of the mean person. At the same time, he tries to create the image that he alone is everyone's well-wisher and sincere advisor. Such a person becomes an expert in whispering poison into ears, he knows well how to plant doubts, suspicions, and hatred in people's minds.

And now, the one destroying Islam has become its so-called guardian, and the one unaware of its true purpose has started calling himself the heir (custodian) of Islam.

It was during the days of Ramadan, and it was time for the Dhuhr (Afternoon prayer). People were sitting in the first row, waiting for the prayer to begin. A man known for his bad habits and a bad reputation lit an incense stick (agarbatti) inside the mosque. Since everyone was fasting, the smoke from the incense can invalidate the fast (according to some juristic opinions). But most people didn't know this rule due to lack of knowledge. The few people who did know were afraid of him, because he was known for being rude and stubborn. They avoided him like baby goats avoid a wolf. Coincidentally, he was sitting near me, so I quietly tried to tell him about the issue by whispering. Instead of understanding, he loudly replied with sarcasm, "Oh, do you hate good smells now?" His response was not about the fragrance it came from his anger and hate because of sect differences. I explained again that the smoke breaks the fast. After much difficulty, the man unwillingly put out the incense stick. A mean person like him does not want to listen even to the truth if it comes from someone of a different sect. This is the situation in many mosques people reject the truth just to protect their own sect. Sometimes it's because they want to save their pride, and sometimes they feel admitting a mistake makes them look weak. But mistakes happen because of ignorance and lack of knowledge. Still, they stubbornly refuse to accept the truth. It has become their habit to deny their faults and blame others instead. Admitting a mistake is a sign of true humanity. Another name for high humanity is faith that is Islam.

Real Life Example: According to news reports and TV broadcasts, a young child in Tanzania is reciting the Quran. A man, for his own selfish purpose, said among people inside the mosque courtyard, "A young child in Tanzania is reciting Al-Fatiha." It was as if the common practice of reciting Al-Fatiha (which is an innovation) was being confirmed as a Sunnah, and surprisingly, the child was doing exactly that.

The main issue is that the person in question lacks knowledge of Islamic teachings based on the Quran, Hadith, and Islamic law (Fiqh). Secondly, to prove the truth and authenticity of Islam, there is no need for miracles or supernatural acts anymore. The world has become like a small village due to globalization, and print and electronic media are widespread. Through the internet, it is clear that the child in Tanzania is reciting the Quran, not some invented or customary version of "Fatiha."

Hadith: A person who distorts or twists the truth is counted among the liars.

People who lack religious knowledge often seek comfort in miracles and supernatural events. However, the Quran contains around a thousand verses related to science, and they are truly amazing and thought-provoking. The Quran encourages intelligent people to reflect on these signs. Today, modern science is helping to confirm many of these Quranic truths through observation and research.

Just because a miracle happened in Tanzania today, and a child in Bulgaria speaks about religion tomorrow, doesn't mean Islam will now depend on those places. Islam is already complete, well-documented, and protected by Allah. It doesn't need miracles to prove its truth. Just like the laws of nature never change, the teachings of Islam also never change. That which has been proven unauthentic, fabricated, or weak according to Islamic teaching will remain so until the Day of Judgment. An innovation (biddah) can never become a Sunnah.

The reason many Muslims today are confused in their beliefs is because they are far from real Islamic knowledge. It's easier to wake someone who is sleeping than someone who thinks they're already awake but are actually unaware. Many smart people depend too much on their own thinking, and many people who don't know much believe they are scholars. That's why the pure teachings of Islam are being misused.

Sinfulness and corruption are among the worst types of bad character. Allah knows the true nature of every person, but He is so merciful that He hides people's faults in this world. However,

a corrupt person often gains power through injustice. In private, he doesn't remember Allah, but in public, people think he is a religious leader. He may not even pray regularly, yet still sits in the front row of the mosque. He takes part in mosque affairs not to serve Islam, but to promote his own sect or beliefs.

The worshippers at the mosque show respect to the wicked man only as a formality, just to stay safe from his harm. Some people even live in fear, worried that he might, at any moment, target their weak spots and cause them trouble.

The wicked person intimidates those who are already afraid of him. Mosque attendees often remain quiet out of convenience or outwardly show respect to him exclusively for their own advantage. Their attitude reflects the mindset: "If you can't twist the hand, kiss it instead."

Some people act like a cat in front of powerful people but like a lion in front of the weak. They show respect to those who can give them benefits. This kind of behavior is called meanness. A mean person does not even have the shame to stop judging others for the same mistakes he himself makes.

A person with a noble character may disagree with someone, but he is never mean. A noble person can be smart, but not cunning (dishonest). He might doubt someone, but he never falsely accuses. Just like putting a golden saddle on a donkey doesn't turn it into a horse, it's still a donkey. In the same way, a mean person may dress well, but that doesn't make him polite, respectful, or noble. Wearing good clothes doesn't make someone good; it just shows the tailor's skill, not the person's character.

The biggest crime in this world is to reject the truth and to hurt others. These two traits are always found in a wicked person. His heart is full of pride, and he always thinks only about himself. A wicked person sees others' mistakes but ignores his own. True modesty is to see Allah's blessings in your life and to be aware of your own sins and faults. But a wicked person lacks this, he is

shameless. Rejecting the truth, always thinking you are right, and looking down on others this is called arrogance, and the wicked person is always full of it.

A low-minded person cannot control their negative emotions. Their actions are based on personal hatred, but they pretend that they are acting out of love for humanity or obedience to God. Such a person says one thing but does another. On the outside, they seem like one kind of person, but on the inside, they are something else. Their actions are just reactions to what others do. Under the psychology of reaction every action lacks sincerity. Islam is a religion of positive truth. It is not a religion that encourages people to act just out of reaction or anger.

The wicked person (low character) doesn't truly know what truth and honesty are he just knows some people who are called truthful. But the common people, who lack understanding, think that this person himself knows the truth. Because of this, the wicked person lives with a false feeling of greatness. He fools people and earns respect through deception. This is how wicked people rise, and good, honest people are pushed down.

A wicked person is like a disease in society. A community is made up of individuals, and each individuals has a specific role. When everyone plays their role properly, society stays strong and united. Every person must fulfill their duty like keeping promises, showing decency where needed. But when someone shows wickedness instead of good manners, they fail in their personal responsibility. This weakens the whole system of the community.

When a human being starts acting in an inhuman way, it's like iron becoming soft like wax, it can no longer be used to build anything strong. A good society needs people with strong character. In an Islamic society, the presence of a wicked person is like a disease. Hoping for good manners from such a person is like expecting a poisonous snake not to bite. A wicked person often lives a comfortable life because they don't follow any rules, while those who live by principles often face hardships because hardships are the price of living with honesty. A true Muslim is first known for their good character, and only then for their culture or background.

Seriousness is a moral quality. There is a big difference between being serious and being wicked. A serious person is responsible, careful, and honest, speaks thoughtfully, keeps promises, and accepts the truth when it is clear. A wicked person is the opposite of a serious person. A serious person controls their behavior with good manners, but a wicked person twists manners to suit their own moods. A wicked person uses good behavior only when it helps their personal gain. A serious person is not self-centered, but a wicked person is. A good-mannered person does not follow every desire, but a wicked person wishes bad for others. And remember, no one is so powerful that they can harm others without harming themselves in the process. Every evil first harms the person who does it before it harms anyone else. For example, if someone wants to stop another person's success or cause them harm, they first have to create jealousy inside themselves. Only after that can they plan against others. One of the biggest evils in this world is to wish bad for others. Because whether you succeed in harming them or not, you are definitely harming yourself. To hurt someone, you have to think negatively, plan secretly, work in the wrong direction, and waste your time. All of this destroys your own peace and character. So, in trying to harm others, you end up harming yourself. A wicked person doesn't speak with honesty and principles, he speaks only with selfish interests in his mind.

Lying and betrayal

These are the types of evil that come from a wicked and lowly nature. A person commits these acts when their soul becomes dirty or corrupt. People who make trouble regularly tend to lie and betray others often. Still, such people feel no guilt. This is because their soul is already ruined. Sometimes, as humans, we may make mistakes due to weakness, and we can hope that Allah will forgive us. But when a person does evil because their soul is spiritually dirty, there is little hope for forgiveness, because their wrong actions come from a deeply spoiled heart. A decent (noble) person is like a flower in God's garden, bringing beauty and goodness. But a wicked (mean)

person is like a thorn in that garden, causing only pain and bitterness. Betrayal, double-faced behavior, and gossiping are among the worst kinds of bad actions.

In God's world, there is something more delicate than a bird's feather or the petal of a flower and that is the human heart. In all the world we know, nothing is softer and more sensitive than a person's heart. So, whoever hurts someone's heart is one of the worst criminals in God's eyes. A wicked person crushes this gentle heart with his bad character, steals someone's peace, and plans to destroy the happiness of another person's life.

Hadith: On the Day of Judgment, the worst position in the sight of Allah will be for the person whose bad language makes others avoid him out of fear. (Bukhari & Muslim)

The foundation of a society is unity and thinking well of others

Allah is the Creator of everything. He has made some people weak and placed them among strong and powerful people. Some people are helpless and scared, and they live under the control of stronger people. This is all part of a test from Allah, and we must pass this test before we die. A bad person uses these weak and scared people to get what he wants in the wrong way. For him, weak people are like a treasure. Fighting, making fun of others, and holding hate in the heart, always complaining, and cutting off people while they speak these are signs of a bad or mean person.

What is mocking?

It means talking about private or modest things in front of everyone just to embarrass someone. This is a bad habit of a low-minded person. He enjoys making fun of others. But hurting someone is a sign of a bad person, while helping someone improve is a sign of a good person.

There is a saying of the Prophet (Hadith) that means:

"The biggest loss is to harm the respect of a fellow Muslim."

Every person has two kinds of feelings inside:

- One feeling helps him accept the truth, the other makes him deny it.
- One helps him be thankful, the other makes him ignore blessings.
- One makes him humble, the other proud.
- One helps him be honest, the other pushes him to cheat.
- One makes him happy for others, the other brings jealousy.

In this life, the one who fights and wins against his bad feelings is truly successful. But the one who lets bad thoughts control him is the one who fails.

The Creator of the universe filled this world with differences, and He has commanded us to maintain unity while living among those differences, not to first remove all differences and then unite. Because expecting unity only after removing differences is unnatural and un-Islamic. It is okay to disagree in a nice way. But saying bad things about someone without any proof is very wrong. Giving advice to help someone improve is a good thing, but pointing out mistakes just to hurt someone is something only a bad person does. Attacking someone's character is the favorite activity of a low-minded person. Spreading rumors before checking the facts is both immoral and a major sin. Losing the fear of God leads to wicked behavior, and true faith is all about fearing God. That's why, a wicked person often has no real faith left in him.

Hadith: Whoever hides the mistakes of his Muslim brother in this world, Allah will hide his mistakes on the Day of Judgment.

The most important lesson from history which Muslims have failed to learn is that most harm to Muslims has come from other Muslims. If knowledge without action becomes a burden, then action without knowledge leads to misguidance. A Muslim should be so busy doing good deeds that there's no time left for useless arguments. Just like poison kills the body, sins kill the soul. That's why it is better to face a hardship than to fall into sin.

One of the weaknesses of human nature is that a person sees himself greater than he truly is. This happens because everyone loves themselves the most. People usually see others as less important than they really are, since our love for others is less than the love we have for ourselves. That's why people often think their thoughts are also good actions, even when they are not. Today, many problems in the Muslim community are caused by this because we have become full of self-deception, false pride, and forgetfulness. This has made us selfish and self-centered.

From Bad Thinking to Good Thinking

Islam teaches us to think positively about others. It wants people to live in peace and not talk badly about someone just because they heard something. We should fill our minds with positive thoughts about others. But thinking good about others is not always easy. Why? Because when we think good about someone, we are accepting that the other person may be better than us in some way and our ego doesn't like that. The human soul naturally feels jealous or uncomfortable when someone else is praised or seen as good. It makes us feel small. This is a weakness in human nature. Inside every person, there is a struggle between what our ego wants and what religion teaches. The ego says: "Think badly about others." But Islam teaches: "Think well about others." The human soul (nafs) quickly believes something bad about others even without proof. This is even worse when we think negatively about someone without checking the truth.

Why do people listen so easily to bad things about others?

Because when someone else is blamed, our ego feels strong. It feels like we are better than them. It makes our pride grow, and we feel important.

But these are spiritual diseases. To protect us from these, Islam tells us to always think good about others In fact, thinking good about others is considered a form of worship in Islam.

Hadith: إِنَّ حُسْنَ اَلظَّنِّ مِنْ حُسْنِ اَلْعِبَادَةِ

O you who believe! Stay away from most kinds of suspicion, because some suspicions are sinful.

In matters of good behavior, the Qur'an teaches us that thinking badly of a good person without strong proof is forbidden. If we want peace and harmony in society, we must avoid bad assumptions. This helps stop problems and fights before they even begin.

Hadith: The Prophet (ﷺ) said, "The enemies of Allah's blessings are those who feel jealous when they see others enjoying Allah's favors."

He explained: The reason for Iblis' (Satan's) sin was jealousy.

Qabil (Cain) killed his brother because of jealousy.

The sons of Yaqub (Jacob) also made a big mistake because of jealousy.

A wicked person feeds on bad thoughts. He sees a small thing and makes it look like a mountain that's how he spreads hate.

Why does bad thinking happen?

Human beings are very complex. They have many sides to their personality like their thinking, knowledge, way of looking at things, and how they understand life. But the truth is, the world is so big and full of facts that no one can understand everything perfectly. A person only knows a small part of the full picture. So when someone forms an opinion about others, they should be very careful. Sometimes what we see on the outside can trick us. What looks nice or colorful may not show the truth. We often judge only the surface, but we cannot see what is hidden inside someone's heart. Also, we don't know what the future holds. That's why bad thoughts about others usually come from limited knowledge and quick judgment. The greatest power in this world is knowledge. But knowledge is so wide and deep that even a very long life is not enough to learn everything. Sometimes, people look happy, kind, and respectful on the outside, their faces

smile, and they seem nice. But these things can mislead someone who is trying to form a correct opinion about them. We must remember: what we see is not always the full truth.

Why Having Good Opinion Is Necessary

It is very important to think good about others because people often misunderstand things. Even those who are experts in observing faces or understanding situations can make mistakes. Their judgments are not always based on full truth they often guess. One big reason for misunderstandings is that people don't know the difference between similar-looking things. For example:

They don't know the difference between self-respect and arrogance, Or between simplicity and poverty, between honesty and rudeness, between innocence and ignorance, between criticism and insult, between patience and cowardice, Or between guidance and manipulation. Because of not knowing these fine differences, people quickly think badly about others. That's called bad suspicion

Hazrat Ali (رضي الله عنه) said: "People become enemies of what they don't understand."

What does this mean?

This means when people don't truly understand something (an idea, a culture, a person, a belief), they are likely to oppose it, fear it, or hate it just because they don't get it.

Besides this, when people stay distant from one another, it creates misunderstandings and mistrust. This is also one of the reasons why people develop bad assumptions. People often don't have the time to study all sides of a matter deeply and thoroughly. So when they rely on partial or incomplete information to form opinions, their conclusions are usually wrong. And if they don't express their thoughts openly, then the door to bad assumptions opens up.

Whether it's a quick meeting or the very first meeting forming a judgment right after often leads to mistakes. Wrong assumptions can also come from incomplete research or judging someone based on appearance alone.

Because of all these reasons, human society the society of the "best of creation" has become a jungle of misunderstandings. People have become, distant from one another, displeased with each other, avoiding each other, afraid of each other, annoyed with each other, and sadly, even wishing for each other's downfall (death).

Compared to this human jungle full of misunderstandings, there is another kind of jungle the one with insects, beasts, birds, and animals. In that world, there are no misunderstandings among them. And on the Day of Judgment, they won't even be held accountable for their actions. But humans the best of all creation will be questioned. That's why it is necessary for them to be concerned about their afterlife. If someone wants to stay safe from all these misunderstandings, there is only one solution, He should always think positively about others, assume good about them , and live his whole life with that good opinion in his heart.

Hadith: ظَنَّ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ خَيْراً

(Think good of the believers.) Ibn Taimi

Positive Assumption and Unity

There is such a vast difference between one human and another in terms of thinking, nature, upbringing, and knowledge that disagreements are bound to happen. It's a natural part of life.

On one side, we have differences and conflicts, and on the other, the Creator has commanded that we maintain good thoughts about one another. And it is on this foundation that unity should be built. Allah has decorated this world with differences and this has deep divine wisdom behind it. So, in such a situation where we're surrounded by conflicting demands, what is the way to deal with it?

The solution, in the light of knowledge, is this: Every person should consciously choose to stay united despite disagreements. They should keep the difference as a mental opinion only and never let it turn into action or behavior that harms others. This is the path of maturity, faith, and social harmony. A good-hearted person is someone who cannot tolerate evil, yet is always ready to embrace the wrongdoer. This is because standing up against evil is the way of the Prophets, but fighting the wrongdoer is the way of Satan. However, this balance is not easy to maintain. Disagreements are natural. Trying to remove them completely is unnatural and nearly impossible. What is truly required is that these differences should not affect our behavior or character. The Companions of the Prophet (may Allah be pleased with them all) understood the limits of both agreement and disagreement. Even when they had different opinions, their deep fear of Allah kept them united so much so that their disagreements never felt like conflicts. But later, people emerged who understood neither the limits of disagreement nor the value of unity. As a result, the Muslim Ummah became divided into many sects. The path to safety lies in this: a person should remain silent in both thoughts and speech when needed. Mistakes made through silence are easier to fix, but the harm caused by careless words is often difficult to undo. Having a good opinion of others is a personal struggle. A person has to fight against his own self, because the ego does not allow him to think well of others. This inner struggle is exactly what makes GOOD OPINION such a great act in the eyes of Allah. A true believer can succeed by practicing it.

A wicked person is always busy fighting with others and never pays attention to fighting his own inner self. That's why thinking badly of others becomes a natural part of his life.

Worldly troubles and mistakes in human thinking:

﴿فَلَوْلَا إِذْ جَاءَهُم بَأْسُنَا تَضَرَّعُوا وَلَٰكِن قَسَتْ قُلُوبُهُمْ وَزَيَّنَ لَهُمُ الشَّيْطَانُ مَا كَانُوا يَعْمَلُونَ﴾

Translation: So why, when our punishment came to them, did they not humble themselves? But their hearts became hardened, and Satan made their deeds seem fair to them. (Surah Al-An'am, Ayah 43)

This verse warns the disbelievers. Allah does not send immediate punishment on those who reject the truth. Instead, He gives them time and sends signs like financial losses and physical difficulties so they may wake up from their carelessness, change their way of thinking, and reflect on their actions But there is a weakness in human nature. People often blame these troubles on "bad times" or call them just part of life. They convince themselves that ups and downs are normal and think, "What do these problems have to do with my wrong actions?" This kind of thinking is actually a trick from Satan. Because of it, a person loses the inner ability to tell right from wrong. Their heart becomes hard and insensitive. They may even start blaming others like people, governments, or systems for their problems. They begin to believe, "I am suffering because others are cruel to me." As a result, their thoughts and reactions turn toward revenge. They start thinking badly of others and planning ways to get back at them. This is how the habit of negative thinking and harmful actions begin to grow. All these excuses and justifications come from Satan. Allah's true purpose in sending hardship is to guide the wrongdoers back to the right path. But before that goal can be achieved, Satan puts misleading thoughts into people's minds and distracts them from the real message. In this way, even a believer can fail this test.

Thinking that hardships are just "bad times" or part of life's ups and downs, or believing they are caused by other people's anger and revenge these are all wrong ideas from an Islamic point of view. Even if it looks like other people are causing the problem, the truth is that everything comes from Allah. The purpose behind these hardships is to wake up careless people and push sinners to reflect on their actions not to blame other people for injustice.

A wise man was once walking down the road when a rude person punched him from behind. Then the man asked for forgiveness. The wise man replied, "Don't ask me for forgiveness, because it's not really your fault. Everything that happens is from Allah. He is the real Doer."

In the same way, when a person believes that every situation is from Allah, it wakes them up from their carelessness. Their way of thinking changes, and they begin to improve their actions. They start working on purifying their soul. In such a state, praying with a humble heart, asking for forgiveness, and turning to Allah becomes natural.

But if someone believes that other people are responsible for their pain, they start to blame them. This increases misunderstandings, creates hate and anger, and leads to revenge, fights, and division. The reason things reach this point is because of limited knowledge and a twisted way of thinking. This stops a person from understanding Allah's purpose behind the events.

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